

The Path to Resurrection Life

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THE CHRISTIAN IS TO LIVE DAY BY DAY IN THE LIFE AND POWER OF JESUS' RESURRECTION.

Romans 8:11 NASB

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Ephesians 2:4-6 NASB

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NASB

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WITH CHRIST.

Acts 5:14-16 NASB

14 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number,

15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

16 Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

Galatians 2:20 NASB

20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Romans 6:4-5 NASB

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

DYING TO SELF IN CHRIST MEANS THE CRUCIFIXION OF TWO PRIMARY COMPONENTS OF SINFUL FLESH. *What Jesus targeted in Peter's life, He is also targeting in us.*

1. **SELF-WILL** (*aka "selfishness"*)

Matthew 16:21-25 NASB

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

25 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

2. **SELF-CONCEIT** (aka "pride")

Mark 14:26-29 NASB

26 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.'

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

29 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away, yet I will not."

DEATH TO SELF-WILL

"My goal is to live beyond 180 years," says Dave Asprey, CEO of the supplement company Bulletproof, most famous for its popularization of coffee with organic butter mixed in. "I am doing every single thing I can to make it happen for myself." Time Magazine, Feb 16, 2017

Hebrews 9:27 NASB

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed (reserved for one, awaiting) for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

Matthew 16:21-25 NASB

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

John 18:3-11 NASB

3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

John 5:19 NASB

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner."

James 4:13-17 NASB

13 **Come now, you who say,** "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

14 Yet **you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.** You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

15 **Instead, you ought to say,** "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

16 But as it is, **you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.**

17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Proverbs 16:9 NASB

9 The mind of man plans his way, **But the LORD directs his steps.**

Proverbs 19:21 NASB

21 Many plans are in a man's heart, **But the counsel of the LORD will stand.**

DEATH TO SELF-CONCEIT

"Sin is believing the lie that you are self-created, self-dependent and self-sustained."

-- St. Augustine of Hippo, 354-430

"You are not mature if you have a high esteem of yourself. He who boasts in himself is but a babe in Christ, if indeed he be in Christ at all. Young Christians may think much of themselves. Growing Christians think themselves nothing. Mature Christians know that they are less than nothing. The more holy we are, the more we mourn our infirmities, and the humbler is our estimate of ourselves."

-- Charles Spurgeon

"Keep me from high thoughts of myself or my work, for I am nothing but sin and weakness; in me no good dwells, and my best works are but sin. Humble me to the dust before thee. Root and tear out the poisonous weed of self-righteousness, and show me my utter nothingness; Keep me sensible of my sinnership; Sink me deeper into penitence and self-abhorrence; Break the Dragon of pride in pieces before the ark of thy presence; Demolish the Babel of self-opinion, and scatter it to the wind; Level to the ground my Jericho walls of a rebel heart; Then grace, grace, will be my experience and cry."

-- Valley of Vision, Puritan Prayers

"It horribly skews the meaning of the cross when contemporary prophets of self-esteem say that the cross is a witness to my infinite worth. The biblical perspective is that the cross is a witness to the infinite worth of God's glory, and a witness to the immensity of the sin of my pride." -- John Piper

"Heaven has no place for the erroneous belief that Christ died because we are worth it. Christ's death in our place had nothing to do with our worth but with the depths of our sin, the demands made by God's justice, and His eternal glory." -- Dave Hunt

Luke 22:61-62 NASB

61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times."

62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:15-17 NASB

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love (25 agapaō - "For God so loved...") Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (95368 phileō - be a friend to, be fond of, have affection for) You." He said to him, "Tend (1006 bosko - feed, graze, pasture) My lambs."

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love (25 agapaō - "For God so loved...") Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (95368 phileō - be a friend to, be fond of, have affection for) You." He said to him, "Shepherd (4165 poimaino - tend a flock, keep sheep, rule, nourish, supply) My sheep."

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love (95368 phileō - be a friend to, be fond of, have affection for) Me?" Peter was grieved (lypeō - to throw into sorrow, to offend, cause grief) because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (95368 phileō - be a friend to, be fond of, have affection for) You." Jesus said to him, "Tend (1006 bosko - feed, graze, pasture) My sheep."

Psalm 51:3-4 NASB

3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

4 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge.

1 Corinthians 15:3-10 NASB

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Matthew 26:20-22 NASB

20 Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples.

21 As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

22 Being deeply grieved, they each one (NASB fn - "one after another") began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

1 Corinthians 10:12 NASB

12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

Matthew 5:3-4 NASB

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Philippians 3:3-11 NASB

3 for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh,

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more:

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 **But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**

8 **More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,**

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

10 **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;**

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 7:18 NASB

18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.

"When You would guide me, I control myself. When You would be sovereign, I rule myself. When You would take care of me, I suffice myself. When I should depend upon Your providings, I supply myself. When I should submit to Your providence, I follow my own will. When I should study and love and honor and trust You, I serve myself. I fault and correct Your laws to suit myself. Instead of You I look to others approbation and I am by nature an idolater. Lord, it is my chief desire and design to bring my heart back to you. Convince me that I cannot be my own god or make myself happy nor my own Christ to restore my joy nor my own spirit to teach, guide and rule me. Take away my roving eye, my curious ear, my greedy appetite, my lustful heart. Show me that none of these things can heal the wounded conscience or support a tottering frame or uphold a departing spirit and then take me to your cross and leave me there."

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